

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Abrams Creek and Opequon Creek in Frederick County and the City of Winchester. These streams were originally listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's general aquatic life standard and the State's water quality standard for bacteria. TMDLs for bacteria were developed to address the bacterial impairments in both streams, and TMDLs for sediment were developed in Abrams Creek and Lower Opequon creek to address the general aquatic life impairments. These TMDLs were approved by EPA on February 18, 2004 and are available on DEQ's website at http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_report_search.cfm.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

DEQ and DCR will hold a final public meeting on **Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 7:00 p.m.** to inform the public of the IP development and to solicit comments on the draft document. The draft Implementation Plan will be available for review on the web no later than May 10, 2006 at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/iprpts.html>. The meeting will be held in the Henkel Building's Hester Auditorium, which is located on the campus of Shenandoah University at 1460 University Drive in Winchester, Virginia. Driving directions are available at http://www.su.edu/find_us.asp, and a campus map at http://www.su.edu/campus_map1.html.

The public comment period for this final public meeting will end on **Monday, June 12, 2006**. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Tara Sieber, DEQ, (540) 574-7870. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Tara Sieber, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7870, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail tlsieber@deq.virginia.gov.